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## A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT COMMANDER JOHN POWERS, SN



### **Bowsprit Competition**

I have just completed my review of all the Squadron Commander Reports generally covering the January through June 2008 period. It is a pure pleasure to see how much work and fun the individual squadrons have accomplished in such a short amount of time. The current bridges and general membership are to be commended in this regard. It takes a great deal of planning and effort to accomplish the many faceted activities that take place in a squadron. When all members participate, the load is spread, and many productive activities are accomplished without an undue effort by any one individual. Planning and execution actually turn into fun as members get to know each other better and gain experience.

As you recall, one of our goals this year was to get all squadrons working toward qualifying for the Bowsprit Award. The purpose of this effort was to encourage each squadron to focus on the primary goals that makes a squadron strong: Membership, Boating Registrations, Advance Grade and Elective Educational Program Graduates, Member Retention, Vessel Safety Checks and Coop Charting.

While at the time of this writing most of the data has not been collected and tabulated, it appears that we have done well in most areas. It should be realized, however, that about half of the year had passed before the 2008 squadron bridges were established and up to speed. (National's calendar does not coincide with our Change of Watches.) Therefore, we must continue our efforts in these areas so that our accomplishments this year will lay the foundation for the 2009 bridges and our squadrons will continue to grow and flourish.

### **District 26 By-Law Review**

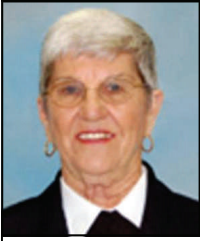
We have started reviewing our By-Laws in order to identify areas that may need to be changed. We realize that revision of the By-Laws is a lengthy process and requires careful review by several different groups before final revision. However, we are hopeful to have recommendations finalized by the Fall Conference and Change of Watch.

If anyone is aware of issues in our by-laws that need to be assessed, we would appreciate your making us aware of them.

### **Conference Manual**

The D26 Conference Manual was developed by Eric Pearson, then reviewed and approved by the bridge. It is now published on the D26 Web Site under Member Information, General Information. Please take the time to review this manual. It contains useful information that can help you when your squadron is responsible for a District Conference Meeting.





**Administrative Department  
D/Lt/C Betty Walton, AP**

If you did not attend the Cruise and Rendezvous hosted by North Strand Sail and Power Squadron at Myrtle Beach, you really missed a lot of fun, good food and much fellowship among the 13 squadrons who were represented. We laughed and played as hard as any group of "teen-agers". The highlight, according to this author, was the kayak races...way to go, David and David.

Our next "get-to-gather" will be in October at the Fall Conference in Columbia, hosted by Lake Murray Sail and Power Squadron. National Education Officer Richard "Dick" Kyle will be the Chief's representative. From all I have had privy to, it appears that we are in for another great weekend.

Prior to the Fall Conference some of your bridge and squadron members will be going to Detroit for the National Governing Board. It is my goal to bring back to the squadrons any and all information presented that will help our squadrons to grow in membership and be productive members of USPS.

This past week marked a milestone in performing the duties of your District Administrative Officer. After many hour and many attempts, I finally got the dates and assignments for the squadron COWS out to the squadron commanders. They are as follows:

<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>D/29 REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>SQUADRON</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>D/29 REPRESENTATIVE</u>
Beaufort	22 NOV	XO Betty Walton, AP	Long Bay	8 NOV	XO Betty Walton, AP
Charleston	8 NOV	AO Eric Pearson, SN	North Strand	7 NOV	XO Betty Walton, AP
Golden Corner Lks	7 NOV	CDR Ron Osborn, SN	Savannah River	14 NOV	AO Eric Pearson, SN
Golden Isles	29 NOV	CDR Ron Osburn, SN	Swamp Fox	10 JAN	AO Eric Pearson, SN
Hilton Head	15 NOV	CDR Ron Osborn, SN	Thurmond Lake	15 NOV	AO Eric Pearson, SN
Lake Hartwell	21 NOV	CDR Ron Osborn, SN	Tybee Light	TBA	EX Betty Walton, AP
Lake Murray	7 NOV	AO Eric Pearson, SN			

Ed Kridler, Secretary; Bob Boal, Treasurer; Joe Warren, Educational Officer; Bill Woodward, Asst. Secretary; and Tim Tate, Asst. Educational Officer will be assisting the REPS with the installation of officers at the COWS. I look forward to seeing all of you in Columbia at the Fall Conference in October.

***Our friend Tom***

*Tom has passed over the horizon. His ship is now out of sight but he is not gone! As the pastor said at Tom's Memorial Service*



**D/FI/Lt Tom Courneya, P**

*....'when a ship sails away and we can no longer see it, the ship is just then coming into view to others on the other side.' So it is with Tom's ship and its cargo of good memories. I knew him just ten months, but his happy dedication to wife, D26 & his Squadron shipmates certainly impressed me! Thanks from us all, Tom!*

**D/1st/Lt Bill Woodward, SN**

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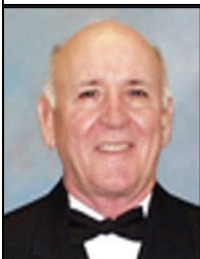
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## Educational Department D/Lt/C Eric Pearson, SN

After a fun filled summer of boating and vacationing, D/26 members can look forward to the district's Fall Conference and COW in Columbia. The D/26 Educational Department has a lot planned for members attending the conference.

First on the agenda is the D/26 Education Conference Friday from 1200 to 1530 at the hotel. Educational Officers, assistants and committee chairs will explore methods for improving the educational programs of their squadron.

This years Fall Conference expanded seminar time by one hour to give members more opportunities to learn. The D/26 Educational Department will offer two seminars during the second hour.

The first seminar is "Get Ready for Rescue 21". Rescue 21 is the U. S. Coast Guard's newest search and rescue tool that will provide improved safety for coastal boaters. Utilizing global positioning and the latest communications technology, Rescue 21 has the capability of direction finding for locating boaters in distress. Rescue 21 is expected to be operational along the Carolina coast some time next year.

To benefit from the new technologies used by Rescue 21, boaters must do a couple of things so that the Coast Guard can locate their vessels in times of distress. Stf/C Harl Porter, SN, of the USPS Electro-Mechanical System Committee, will tell you how to get ready for this technology during the seminar.

The second seminar will provide an overview of USPS's new boating course - America's Boating Course, Third Edition - which should be available some time this fall. D/26 Public Boating Chair, P/C David Price, AP and friends will conduct this presentation to help squadrons get ready for the transition. America's Boating Course, Third Edition, will replace all previous boating courses.

In addition to the two seminars, we will have the annual Teaching Aids Exhibition Saturday morning. The squadrons which win in this competition will receive \$50, \$30 and \$20 awards for the purchase of USPS educational materials. Be sure your squadron brings its best teaching aids to Columbia in October.

We will also recognize the squadron nominees for the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching. The D/26 Chapman nominee will be announced Saturday night.

A lot is scheduled for the Fall Conference so make plans today to attend.



## Secretary's Department D/Lt/C Edwin Kridler, SN

Another watch year for District 26 will be ending with our Fall Conference, scheduled for 10-12 October. There have been a number of very exciting district events so far this year and the Fall Conference should continue this tradition. Please plan to attend.

As a part of the conference, there will be a seminar Saturday morning on DB2000. I would urge all squadron secretaries and all incoming squadron secretaries to attend this seminar. Understanding DB2000 will make your jobs a little easier. P/C Stephen Pietrowicz, SN will be conducting the seminar. The people from Golden Corner Lakes Squadron with whom I have spoken tell me that Steve is a whiz with DB2000, so this should be an interesting and informative seminar. While this seminar is aimed at secretaries, we will welcome any other member who is interested in learning to use this program.

We have posted a new directory on the district web page. This directory includes a roster of all members of the district who were in the DB2000 database for District 26 as of 1 June 2008. If your data is not correct, please contact your squadron secretary. Your secretary is responsible for keeping your squadron data up to date in the DB2000 database.

As I mentioned in the opening paragraph, our watch year will be coming to a close with the upcoming Fall Conference. I would like to thank all of the members of the Secretary's Department for their effort and dedication in helping me and the district run smoothly this year.

I would also thank D/C John Powers, SN for his dedication and hard work for the district. It has been a pleasure working with you, and it's been a good year, John.

**CALL FOR DISTRICT 26 FALL CONFERENCE  
11 October 2008**

**To:** All Members of USPS District 26  
**From:** D/Lt/C Ed Kridler, SN, District Secretary  
**Subject:** 2008 Fall Conference  
**When:** Saturday 3 May 2008  
**Where:** The Inn at University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC  
**Time:** 0830-0900 Registration  
 0900 Call to Order  
**Uniform:** Conference: Blazer  
 Banquet and Change of Watch: Uniform A with Bow Tie or Other Appropriate Attire  
**Agenda:** To be announced

**Nominating Committee Report**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2.9.1.2 of the USPS District 26 Bylaws, the following members are placed in nomination for election at the 11 October 2008 District 26 Fall Conference.

<b>District Commander:</b>	D/Lt/C Ronald Osburn, SN	Golden Corner Lakes
<b>District Executive Officer:</b>	D/Lt/C Betty Walton, AP	Hilton Head
<b>District Educational Officer:</b>	D/Lt/C Joe Warren, JN	Tybee Light
<b>Asst. District Educational Officer:</b>	P/C Tim Tate, AP	Savannah River
<b>District Administrative Officer:</b>	D/Lt/C Eric Pearson, SN	Lake Murray
<b>District Secretary:</b>	D/Lt/C Edwin Kridler, SN	Charleston
<b>Asst. District Secretary:</b>	D/1st/Lt Bill Woodward, SN	Beaufort
<b>District Treasurer:</b>	D/Lt/C Bob Boal, JN	North Strand

**Nominating Committee:**

1 Year – P/D/C Richard C. Erler, AP, Hilton Head  
 2 Years – P/D/C Archie Trawick, SN, Lake Murray  
 3 Years – D/C John Powers, SN, Thurmond Lake

**Rules Committee:**

1 Year – P/C Stephen Pietrowicz, JN, GCL  
 2 Years – P/C Charles Borrmann, P, Beaufort  
 3 Years – P/C Debra Allen, P, Lake Murray

**Audit Committee:**

1 Year – P/D/C Lloyd Pitts, AP, Lake Murray  
 2 Years – Lt/C Mary Ann Compher, P, Hilton Head  
 3 Years – D/Lt Pete Stevenson, AP, Lake Hartwell

**Planning Committee:**

1 Year – P/D/C James McVey, SN, Swamp Fox  
 1 Year – P/C Ray Stull, S, Long Bay  
 2 Years – P/D/C Edward Leibfarth, AP, Savannah River  
 2 Years – P/D/C Robert Larsen, SN, Lake Hartwell  
 3 Years – P/R/C Frank Clayton, SN, Thurmond Lake  
 3 Years – Cdr Kay Summers, AP, Beaufort

Respectively Submitted: 2 June 2008

P/C Charlie Schuler, SN, North Strand  
 P/D/C Richard C. Erler, AP, Hilton Head  
 P/D/C Archie Trawick, SN, Lake Murray

## Register Now for the District's Exciting and Informative Fall Conference

The D/26 Fall Conference and COW in Columbia 10-12 October will offer more for the members who attend than any conference in recent memory. In addition to all of the social activities planned by host Lake Murray Power Squadron, the weekend will be packed with informative seminars. For a complete schedule, go to the D/26 website at <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d26> and look under the News link.

The excitement begins when members and delegates arrive at the headquarters hotel, the Inn at USC on the university campus. The Inn, just a short walk across the street from the historic Horseshoe, is anchored around a beautiful turn-of-the-century residence. In addition to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century charm, amenities include a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast, complimentary wired and wireless Internet access, Concierge Lounge, library, fitness center, guest laundry and convenient free parking.

During free time attendees may walk over to the Horseshoe and view the historic heart of the campus. On the National Register of Historic Places, the Horseshoe is comprised of mostly 19<sup>th</sup> century structures. Rutledge College, circa 1805, is the oldest of the 10 buildings on the modified quadrangle. Other attractions within walking distance or a short ride are the State Capitol, Columbia Museum of Art, the State Museum and the Vista, which offers shopping, dining and entertainment venues.

Lake Murray Squadron will welcome conference attendees with hospitality in the third floor Gallery on Friday and Saturday afternoons. A Silent Auction will be open for bidding in the Gallery as well, and will include the fabulous framed photo of the rising of the B-25 Bomber from Lake Murray. On Friday night, the action moves to Saluda Shoals Park for socializing, dinner and high energy Bunko. District activities start on Friday with the annual D/26 Education Conference in the Inn's Palmetto Room from 1200-1500. On Saturday, the Conference will recess from 0930-1130 for member seminars. In addition to the usual squadron officer seminars, general member offerings include a two-hour DB2000 session, a look at the new USPS boating course and a seminar to get members ready for Rescue 21, the U. S. Coast Guard's new search and rescue system.

Spouses will be treated to a morning at the Lake Murray home of LMPS members Bill and Beth Mathias. In addition to enjoying the lake vista, spouses will get a jump start on the holidays with a class on making Christmas ornaments. A fashion show and lunch will culminate activities.

The Member Lunch will be served in the Palmetto Room during the conference break. Saturday evening will begin with a social hour on the Inn's main outdoor patio. The COW banquet offers three choices entrees. Finally, all attendees are invited to Sunday's Farewell Brunch at Flotilla Island on Lake Murray.

Be sure to reserve your room at the Inn at USC prior to the **10 September deadline**. The Conference is scheduled during an away football game, but the Inn is a popular destination for alumni and family members visiting students. As an added bonus, everyone who registers before Labor Day will have their name entered in a special drawing Friday night to receive a set of monogrammed boat towels.

This Framed Photo of  
WWII B-25 Bomber  
being recovered  
from Lake Murray  
could be yours!





District 26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch
10-12 October 2008
Columbia, S.C.



Last Name First Name MI Rank Grade Squadron

Address City State/Zip Telephone Spouse (Guest) Name, Rank, Grade

Friday 10 October 2008

1400 until 1700 Registration, Inn at USC, Lobby
1400 until 1730 Lake Murray's Hospitality Room, The Gallery
1830 until 1915 Cocktails, Saluda Shoals, Squadron Cash Bar
1915 until 2030 Buffet Dinner, Saluda Shoals @ \$20
2030 until 2200 Entertainment: Bunko

Saturday 11 October 2008

0800 until 0930 Registration, Inn at USC, Lobby
0900 until 1400 Fall Conference
1200 until 1300 Member Lunch, The Carolina Room @ \$15
1400 until 1730 Lake Murray's Hospitality Room, The Gallery
1800 until 1900 Cocktails, The Palmetto Room, Hotel Cash Bar
1900 until 2130 Dinner and Change of Watch, The Carolina Room

Select Entrée

Blackened Ribeye Steak Tips with Sauteed Mushroom Caps & Julienne Red Onions @ \$32
Seared Chicken Breast with a Key Lime Mandarin Orange Sauce @ \$26
Pasta Primavera Alfredo with Roasted Red Peppers @ \$20

Spouse/Guest Program

0930 until 1400 Lakeside at Lake Murray: Christmas Decoration Workshop & Catered Luncheon with Fashion Show by Coldwater Creek @ \$20

Sunday 12 October 2008

0900 until 1100 Brunch and Hospitality, Flotilla Island @ Complimentary

Activities Total \$

Mail this portion of the registration form with a check payable to Lake Murray Power Squadron to:
Lt Linda Richardson, 1936 Amick Drive, Gilbert, SC 29054

Deadline: 26 September 2008 Questions: lrichardson003@sc.rr.com or 803-920-1857

USPS D/26 Fall Conference & Change of Watch
Hotel Reservation

Mail or call: Inn at USC (www.innatusc.com)

Phone: 803-779-7779 or 1-866-455-4753

1619 Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Mention: Lake Murray Power Squadron

Room Rate: \$116.10 double queen or king; 11% tax (includes breakfast)

Deadline: 10 September 2008

Arrival: Departure: Check in after 1500; Check out before Noon

Name: Phone: ( )

Address: City: State/Zip:

Credit Card No: MC/VISA/DISC/AMEX Exp: Signature:

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**Coming Events  
2008-2009**

2 - 7	Sep	USPS Fall Governing Board, Detroit, MI
10-12	Oct	D/26 Fall Conference and Change of Watch Host: Lake Murray
7	Nov	Change Of Watch: Golden Corner Lakes
7	Nov	Change Of Watch: Lake Murray
7	Nov	Change Of Watch: North Strand
8	Nov	Change Of Watch: Charleston
8	Nov	Change Of Watch: Long Bay
14	Nov	Change Of Watch: Savannah River
15	Nov	Change Of Watch: Thurmond Lake
15	Nov	Change Of Watch: Hilton Head
21	Nov	Change Of Watch: Lake Hartwell
22	Nov	Change Of Watch: Beaufort
29	Nov	Change Of Watch: Golden Isles
<b>2009</b>		
10	Jan	Change Of Watch: Swamp Fox
TBA		Change Of Watch: Tybee Light

**District Bridge**

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<b>Assistant Educational Officer</b> D/1st/Lt Joe Warren, JN Email: lukngd@aol.com	Tybee Light Phone: 912-786-9605

<b>Squadron</b>	<b>Commander</b>	<b>Educational Officer</b>
Beaufort	Kay Summers, AP	John Satterfield, AP
Charleston	Arthur Clark, P	Chet Rogers, P
Golden Corner	A.G. Caldwell, P	Marlyn Stroven, AP
Golden Isles	Charles Wilsdorf, SN	Audie Holmes, JN
Hilton Head	Atlee (Sonny) Compher, P	Helen Kola, P
Lake Hartwell	Ken Kuszmaul, P	Chris Rose, SN
Lake Murray	Elaine Price, AP	Andy Hyman, AP
Long Bay	Robert Roseman, S	P/C Paul Soucy, AP
North Strand	Bob Candiano, P	Charlie Schuler, SN
Savannah River	DeMetrice Allen, P	Paulette Harris-Holmes, JN
Swamp Fox	Bobby Heneger, JN	Gordon Cole, S
Thurmond Lake	Dick Pugh, AP	Bill O'Neill, SN
Tybee Light	Lee Wilber, S	Ken Scherz, JN